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MOVING, MOVING, AND MORE MOVING

Moving Around

Moving has been the theme of the last two months, as even a casual glance will tell you. In the category of moving from one department to another, we have Sam Savajian, who moved from Supervisor of Customer Sales into Advertising and International Marketing. Her job in Sales has been filled by Dick Moore, former Line Supervisor in the plant. Suzan Ellis, formerly of the Sales Department, is now in Purchasing; and Pat Quint has transferred from Materials Control to Accounting.

Our most spectacular moving is physical, the actual rearrangement of working space. Changes in the plant are too numerous to set down in detail, but it should be said that the employees involved in the changes did a remarkably efficient job of getting things comfortably set up in our expanded facilities.

The Purchasing Department has moved into the northern end of the east building, and Personnel now occupies Purchasing's old quarters on the Western Front. The Sales Department has moved into new offices on the south side of the east building.

Moving Up

We have several recent promotions to celebrate. Barb Marohn of Purchasing is now a Buyer/Expediter. Rose Beghtol is Materials Control Office Supervisor; and Toni Fitzwater is Materials Control Scheduler.

Moving In

There are many new employees to welcome, especially in Engineering. Bill Faulkner, formerly with Chaparral Sound, Larry Keating, from Cobe Laboratories, and "Gene" Van Gelder from 3M have joined the mad crew in the Ivory Basement.

Material Control has gained Debby Jones; Sales has added Pam Johnson; and Accounting welcomes Priscilla Wiederhold in Billing and Janine Powers in Accounts Payable.

A welcome addition to our "family" in the plant is Betty Jean Hand.



Model 40 and Door-closer Line

PROFILE



Our new Supervisor of Customer Sales is Dick Moore, former Line Supervisor for the Model 40. Dick is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he received his degree in Industrial Management. He worked his way through school as a photographer, and was seen snapping many shots with his camera at our Christmas festivities. He claims that his camera had no film in it; it was merely a convenient ruse for getting close to the punchbowl.

After college, Dick worked for Texaco in Indiana and Ohio, Gulf Aerospace in Houston, S.C.I. in Houston and Huntsville, Alabama, and Martin Marietta in Houston and Denver. Dick will have been at Statitrol three years in June.

Dick and his wife, Pat (who works for E.S.B., Inc.), have a year-old Peekapoo, Puff, and devote most of their free time to remodeling their 72-year-old home near Denver's Botanical Gardens.

Dick's new job is quite a change for him, but he is what I believe they call a "good ol' boy" down home, and his sense of humor has survived the switch. That's got to be a healthy sign.

GLOBETROTTERS

International travel is in the spotlight for our executives right now. Tom Bellinghausen has returned from a trip to the International Security and Safety Exhibition in Japan. Our International Marketing Manager, Frank Lineaweaver, is planning a trip to Belgium to see our European Marketing Manager, Tony Maskens. Duane Pearsall will be taking a trip in May to Moscow and Leningrad for an international trade symposium, sponsored by the Research Institute of America. The trip will include some exciting sight-seeing: the Bolshoi Ballet, the Kirov Theatre, the Hermitage, the Pushkin Museum, and the beautiful Summer Palace. ПЭЖАНУСТА, ГАУТЕ МАНЯ СТАКАН БОФКН, ТОБАРНЦ! Al Munk, his wife, Ortha, and his mother-in-law spent two weeks in Ireland after Christmas, visiting his sister-in-law's family near Belfast. He experienced no difficulty with the "Troubles" but did have to cope with socialized medicine when his mother-in-law broke her leg.

EDITORIAL

Two years ago when the newspaper carried reports of Kristo, the mad artist, and I most ambitious stunt, the draping of Colorado's Rifle Gap with an enormous orange nylon curtain, I thought to myself how amazing and wonderful it was that anyone could spend \$450,000.00 without hurting anybody.

In the business world, it becomes increasingly difficult to find a job with a company that doesn't hurt anybody. High-pressure sales techniques, poor quality work, and an attitude of caveat emptor seem to pervade the stores, factories, offices, and political chambers of our country today.

For these and other reasons, we should be proud and grateful that we work for a company that is of active benefit to our society, a company that maintains high standards of business ethics and manufactures a product that saves human lives.

Most of us have heard these statistics before, but I want to print them again so we can appreciate the fact that the work we do is important.

Every 45 seconds, there is a residential fire in this country-- 700,000 such fires last year.

72,000 people are injured by these fires; over 6,000 are killed, 3,500 of them children.

Over 80% of these deaths are caused by smoke and toxic gasses, not by flame. Almost 50% of fatal home fires start between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., when families are asleep.

For these reasons, SmokeGard is an important defense against the loss of human lives. We receive many letters from customers whose homes and lives have been saved by SmokeGard. Each of us should keep in mind what an impact our work has on the safety of thousands of people. We need to remember that, unlike some businesses, ours not only doesn't hurt anybody, but has enormous potential for helping our fellow man.



Pam Johnson



Libby Shaner



Cheryl Heath

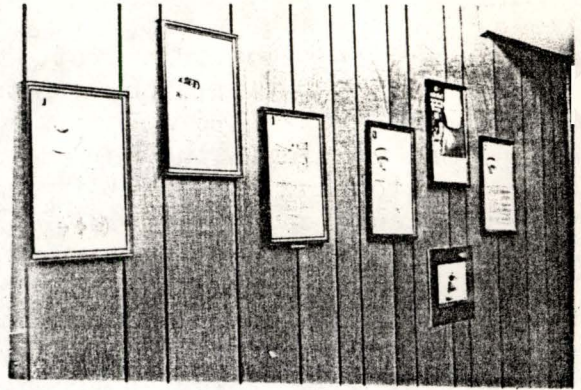
NOTICE

If you have any negatives of photographs of Statitrol functions, (picnics, parties, etc.), please let Sam Savajian know. She can use them in the company photo album.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We have birthdays in April for Kathy Asher, Diane Bassen, Connie Eckel, Paul Garcia, Cheryl Heath, Pam Johnson, Bob Marsik, Carol Nelson, Dana Seaver, Erna Sheridan, Jim Souturas, Jim Storms, and Janie Weidenfeller.

March birthdays were celebrated by Delores Cheveland, Richard Erwin, Jody Foltz, Betty Hand, Michelle Hartman, Mildred Houck, Darla Kane, Marlene McMenemy, Jeanette McPeak, Jean Martin, Mike Martinez, Margarita Michalek, Duane Pearsall, Shirley Self, Virgie Sharp, Mona Spinden, and Betsy Wood.



Al Mayer has completed an interesting "decorating" project in his office. The walls are hung with pictures of almost every product Statitrol has manufactured since the company was founded.

WATCH

THIS

SPACE

(Unless, of course, you have something better to do)

POOLERS IN THE PAPER

Clean-air-conscious car poolers get their reward

A small Lakewood manufacturing firm took a stand for cleaner air Thursday by finding out how each of its 200 employees had come to work and giving a silver dollar to everyone who arrived by car pool. The cost: \$95.

It wasn't the first time the Statitrol Corp., which makes fire detectors at 140 S. Union Blvd., had sought to encourage the practice. A month ago the vice president for manufacturing, Stanley Peterson, made a similar surprise check and treated all the car-poolers to lunch at a nearby pizzeria.

There were only 65 car poolers back then.

Ironically, none of the corporate officers got a free lunch. "None of us was car-pooling," confessed president Duane Pearsall.

Thursday's silver dollar awards were handed out by Rep. Don Brotzman, R-Colo., who happened to be visiting the plant, and who was awarded a dollar himself as a daily car pooler from suburban Tan Tallon, Md., to the Capitol, with two Democratic colleagues.

"It's about the same ratio as we've got in the House," he said wistfully.

Rocky Mountain News, January 10, 1974

Another chapter was added to the seemingly endless story of the great car pool giveaway last month, when a prize drawing was held for Statitrol members of car pools. Five-dollar bills were won by Shirley Benson, Lou Fearing, and Margarita Gutierrez. Jim Storms won a clock radio; Sharon Bartling won a \$25 savings bond; and Pauline Vogel walked off with the most coveted prize, an electronic calculator.

ANNIVERSARY NEWS

There are many anniversaries with Statitrol to celebrate in March and April.

Observing one year with us are Andy erson, Kathy Asher, Cheryl Heath, Erna Sheridan, Linda Benjamin, Jacqueline Wiggins, Barb Cutler, Yvonne Archuleta, Pat Martin, Shirley Self, Mary Porter, Debbie Smith, Minerva Miskowic, Elaine Vester, Joan Coronado, and Jean Phegly. Congratulations for two years of service to Bob Marsik, Jim Souturas, Shirley Aston, Bev Peerman, Karen West, and Jeanette McPeak. Bob Payne marked three years at Statitrol on March 22nd. We have two four-year veterans, Tom Thill and Mary Jane Sharp, and one real old-timer, (five years!), Josie Haakenson.



Nancy Crase



ODDS AND ENDS

Our best wishes to Tom and Peg Collinsworth, who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary March 25th, and to Bill and Alma Hyatt, whose 25th anniversary was March 20th.

(Alma must have been a child bride.)

Alma's kids decided to surprise her by flying her mother out from Baltimore, wrapping her up in a big box, and presenting her as a gift.

Recently hospitalized employees include Elaine Vester, Toni Fitzwater, and Sam Savajian. Elaine is recuperating nicely at home, and Sam and Toni are (thank goodness!) back at work.

Among Statitrol's avid skiers is Bev Carey, who returned from a recent Breckenridge weekend with a thoroughly charming sunburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bellinghausen are comfortably settled in their new home in Lakeridge.

Sam Savajian has welcomed (?) a German shepherd puppy into her family. You might ask her if it has been determined yet whether the beast is male or female (a. male, b. female, c. all of the above, d. none of the above).

WANT ADS

Adorable AKC silver poodles, 1 male, 1 female. (7 weeks old March 15). Contact Nancy Sharp, Tom's line.

496 1968 Chevy Caprice, 2-door, black, good condition. \$1000.00. Call 420-4408.

Wanted: Used refrigerator. Call Suzan Ellis, Purchasing, ext. 73.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is my last issue as Editor of Smoke Signals. From now on, the paper will be put together by the Advertising Department. If you wish to contribute an article, picture, want ad, or idea, please see Sam Savajian.

I want to apologize for the length of time it's taken me to get this issue out; I've been too busy with my regular job to devote the necessary time to this project. I would also like to thank those who have supplied me with news, especially Alma Hyatt, without whom we'd have no news from the plant, and Pete Smith, whose excellent photographs are done an injustice by the photocopying process. If you notice a certain sexual bias (only one picture of a man!) to the selection of pictures in this issue, that is Pete's responsibility.

Betsy Scown

Back in November, I received a short story from the Door Closer and Duct Housing Line, and promised to print it in a literary supplement. Well, here it is, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I have. The story was written by Darryl Tansey (I predict a literary future for him.), and is printed here with the author's imaginative spelling and punctuation unchanged.

Terror at Statitrol

A large mushroom shaped cloud rose, over the roomm, like a helium filled balloon. Betsy stood and stared in amazement. "Get back, Betsy," Yelled Vivian. "Put the cap back on.!"

Mary, Jane, Emma and Carol had already taken shelter, but Betsy was to stuned to move. A few seconds later Vivian was forced to take shelter.

Betsy's mind drifted back to when the tragedy all began.

Everybody came to work just like a normal day, and were working on L shaped boards with holes in center. I'n the hole was a radio active material. She remembered joking around with Mary about it. "Hey Mary, I wonder what would happened if I drop the board? " "A Mushroom cloud would appear." Laughed Mary.

There was a knock at the door,--come in. Joe intered in his clumsy fashon, "saying did someone call my name?" Soon after Joe left, She remembered dropping the board. The cap to the hole fell off, then the mushroom cloud appeared.

Betsy regained her senses and ran for shelter. A converation started between Vivian and Betsy. "How old are you?" asked Vivian. Thats my secret, screamed Betsy. "You look li your ninty", replied Vivian! "How dare you, you," "don't lost your temper," said Mary, "We all look older. We must have aged."

The cloud dissapeared, and everyone got back in line. Soon after Faye cam in.

"Whats happened to you?" asked Fay. "You all look ninty and a half." Jane, Joan, and Carol explained the story. "Only Joe, could help us now," said Faye.

There was a knock at the door,--"come in" yelled Mary. Joe entered in his clumsy fash (He's good at it) saying did someone call my name?

"It's a train", said Vivian. "Not it's a crane" said Mary. "No its Super Joe," replied Faye.

Seeing their condition he imedieatly went in to action!

Joe tried this and that nothing seemed to work.

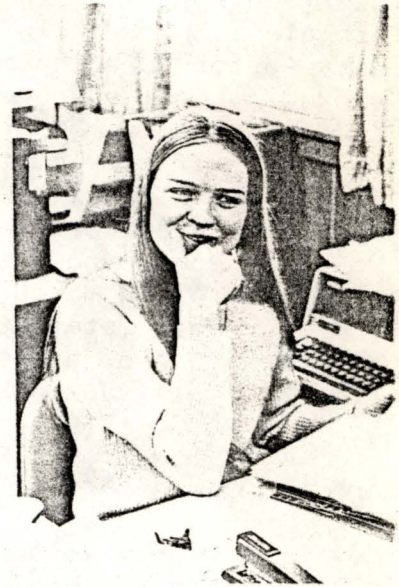
"I'm up to my last resort," Joe said nervously.

"You ought to use Right Gaurd, it helps keep me dry," said Vivian. Slowly Joe switched shoe's.-----Poof!

Everybody was back to normal thanke's to Joe's shoe's.

Everything is back to normal on the line. Vivian still sings to the music, Betsy hum's and last but not least, Joe switched shoes back. And Faye is still waiting for the new motor for her chair.

Darryl Tansey
Age 12
Molholm School



Janine Powers



Jennifer Boulanger